Decision No. _____ ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of JESSES. HARKER and EDNA M. HARKER to sell and of JEAN H. BAKEMAN to purchase the Melvin Place Water Plant, located in Los Angeles County. California.

Application No. 2701.

Eugene A. Holmes for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held at Los Angeles on January 11. 1917, the testimony being taken by Myron Westover, Examiner.

The property involved, which is more fully described in the Order, is known as the Melvin Place Water Plant and is located just out of Los Angeles near Vernon, and serves about 150 consumers on an average.

The parties wish to exchange the property for about 20 acres of land in Juab County, Utah. It appears from the testimony that the seller wishes to devote his entire attention to other interests and that the purchaser is better able financially to make extensions and improvements in the service than the seller. The purchaser showed a familiarity with the obligations of a public utility and a willingness to assume and faithfully discharge them. The Commission has not valued the plant and the value of the Utah land does not appear

The property has been conveyed before under authority of Decision No. 272 of October 14th, 1912 and Decision No. 1447 of April 16, 1914. (See Opinions and Orders of Railroad Comm. of Calif. Vol. 1, p. 727 and Vol. 4, p. 798.)

It appears that public convenience and necessity will be served by granting the application.

ORDER.

JESSE S. HAPKER, EDNA M. HARKER and JEAN H. BAKEMAN having applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the conveyance of Melvin Place Water Plant to Jean H. Bakeman in exchange for lands in Juab County, Utah, the value whereof does not appear, and the Commission finding that public convenience and necessity will be served by such conveyance.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jesse S. Harker and Edna M. Harker be and they are hereby authorized to convey to Jean H. Bakeman in exchange for lands in Juab County, Utah. referred to in the petition herein, said Melvin Place Water Plant more particularly described as follows:

Lots 4 and 5 of the Melvin Place, together with a certain water plant or system, including a house, engine house, tanks, pump, pipes and piping, situate thereon on and connected therewith, and all franchises, easements, rights of way and appurtenances appertaining to or connected with the said water plant or system, more particularly described in a deed dated May 27, 1910, between E. W. Payne

and his wife. and Mrs. L. P. Melvin and "Home Builders." a corporation, which document is now of record in the office of the county recorder of Los Angeles County.

Upon the execution and delivery of a deed of conveyance the parties hereto shall within 10 days thereafter file a certified copy thereof with this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20 th day of January, 1917.